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Q&A

The Daily Gamecock talks culture with 3 foreign exchange students

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Part 1 of 2

Along with the nearly 5,000 freshmen finding their ways around campus in the first days of the semester, more than 1,300 international students from over 100 countries are also acclimating themselves to a dramatically new environment.



WINKLE



CHAPMAN



HAMILTON

Stuttgart, Germany, studying at the University of Bamberg.

The Daily Gamecock: *Why USC? How did you end up here?*

Winkle: The weather. And I looked up the classes ... and I liked it better than the other universities.

Hamilton: I had a long list of universities and I looked them all up, and I thought USC looked the best. I was looking primarily on the sort of business aspect, but also I looked up loads of campus stuff. I really thought the campus stood out. And also, the sporting facilities are like nothing I've ever seen before. I keep telling my friends back home, "They've got like three huge swimming pools, two huge gyms, and it's crazy." That's one of the reasons I decided to come here. And also the weather.

Chapman: I just wanted something different. I was looking at stuff along the coast, like California and all that, and then I was like, "No, I'm just going to go for something different." And I just picked this one. It was actually completely random. I looked at it and it had good subjects, but it was nothing specific.

DG: *What are your first impressions of USC?*

Winkle: It looks like the movies.

Hamilton: It is the stereotype of the American university. It's so weird because people kind of look the way I thought they would look. ... We're exposed to a lot of American media, so we've got kind of preconceived notions of how it's supposed to be, and it's a lot like that. But people are super friendly. That's probably the strongest impression I've gotten so far, is that people are a lot more friendly than they are in Europe.

Winkle: And more helpful.

Chapman: It was just really big and I got really confused. But it's really nice. It was just so massive. It's probably like eight times the size of my (university), so I was just really shocked. But it's really nice. And there's lots of love for football.

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Study rooms booked online

Reservation system to eliminate wait time for students at Thomas Cooper Library

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Study rooms in the Thomas Cooper Library can now be reserved online or via smart phone due to the addition of new software in the circulation department.

Instead of requesting a key to a study room in person and potentially waiting hours for a room to be vacated, students can now go to libcal.library.sc.edu and pick from five different types of study rooms, whose hourly availability is updated online. Rooms can be booked up to two weeks in advance.

The move to online booking reflects a system already in use by many other colleges and universities and offers a possible solution to many past student complaints.

"Nobody really liked the wait list," Head of Circulation Tucker Taylor said. "There were many complaints about waiting, and it was hard to coordinate group studying. It's hard to tell people, 'Meet me at the library at 7 p.m. on a Tuesday' when they don't know where they're going to be. Now, they'll know for sure if they have a space."

Students who reserve a study room will also no longer be required to vacate it within four hours unless another student books it when a reservation expires. This will take pressure off library staff who used to have to find lingering students and kick them out of a room, Taylor said.

"In the past, we didn't have a way for making sure that people wouldn't be hoarding the rooms in busy times," Taylor said. "Now it is much simpler."

The program was implemented during the summer term, when fewer students were using the library.

"We started looking at it seriously last year, but we don't like to make changes during the school year because it could be confusing," Taylor said. "We decided in May what we wanted, and we worked on



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Students work in a library study room, which can now be reserved online.

Reserving a Study Room Online

1. Go to libcal.library.sc.edu.
2. Click on which type of room you would like to book: collaborative technology, group film viewing, large group study, lounge study or small group study.
3. On the calendar, select which day you would like to schedule. Dates can be selected up to two weeks in advance.
4. On the hourly schedule to the right, green squares indicate a room is available for a particular time frame. Click on green squares to reserve a room for the desired amount of time. Then click "Continue."
5. Fill in the required information, then click "Submit my Booking."

— Compiled by Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor



it through the summer."

While the system has not yet seen the test of a fall or spring final exam period, Taylor said it has been running smoothly. She said she expects study room use to rise with the simpler booking system.

Taylor was unsure of the total price tag Friday evening, but said the software was "extremely cost-effective" compared to other options the library explored.

DG

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR TICKET

If you were awarded a lower deck student ticket to Thursday night's football season-opener against North Carolina, you must claim your ticket by 5 p.m. today. Tickets must be printed to be claimed.

Student Ticketing will transfer your ticket to your

CarolinaCard for you, and you must have your CarolinaCard to be admitted to the game.

Tickets not claimed by today's deadline will be released for other students to claim on a first-come, first-served basis.

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- 4 Then, scroll to the top of the calendar and click "continue."
- 5 In the box that appears, make sure your ticket is checked, then click "continue to print."
- 6 A "Print Tickets" screen will appear. Check the box agreeing to the terms of use. Then click "submit."
- 7 On the confirmation page that appears, click "print." A PDF file of your ticket will be downloaded to your computer.
- 8 Print your ticket.
- 9 A confirmation email will be sent to you.

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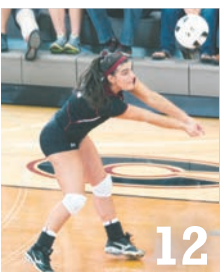
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Tuesday



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Wednesday



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Low 73°

IN BRIEF

Plastic plant fire draws more than 60 firefighters

A old plastics plant in Florence that caught fire Sunday night was still burning Monday morning, The Associated Press reported.

More than 60 firefighters from all 11 fire departments in Florence County were on hand to combat the massive blaze at the old DuPont plant, which is currently used as a warehouse near the Great Pee Dee River.

The nearest hydrants are at least half a mile away, and the building’s sprinkler system was turned off, making it difficult for firefighters to get water into the fire.

Windy Hill Fire Chief John Delung estimated it was the biggest fire in the county in two decades, and the only fire he can remember that warranted every department in the county on the scene, according to AP.

The cause of the fire is unknown, and no injuries had been reported.

— Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor

Haley’s 2014 re-election bid for govenor official

Gov. Nikki Haley formally announced her bid for 2014 re-election Monday.

She’s expected to challenge Democratic State Sen. Vincent Sheheen in a rematch of the closely contested 2010 race for the governor’s mansion.

“If you think what we did in the first 2 1/2 years was great, wait until you see what we do next,” Haley told a crowd of several hundred supporters in downtown Greenville Monday, The State reported.

She touted her rejection of Obamacare job creation in her first term, according to The State.

At the age of 41, Haley is the nation’s youngest state leader and the state’s first female governor.

In the 2010 election, she edged out Sheheen by 4.5 percentage points.

— Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor

Arrests made in suspected Chapin shoplifting ring

Four people have been arrested and accused of participating in a Chapin shoplifting ring, The State reported.

Charges against Antwone Anderson, Isaac Potter, Donnie Furtick and Carmella Harding include various counts of grand larceny, shoplifting and criminal conspiracy. They are accused of stealing energy drinks, cigarettes and cell phones from local stores.

Police say the suspects took seven cell phones worth \$2,800 from a Verizon store in Chapin last month. They are also accused of taking \$1,875 in cigarettes and \$420 worth of 5 Hour Energy drinks from two stores this month.

Some of the stolen items were recovered when Irmo police arrested the suspects, according to The State.

— Sarah Ellis, Assistant News Editor

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DG: Did you know anything about South Carolina or the South before coming here?

Winkle: Not so much.

Hamilton: Well I’ve been to Georgia four or five times before, but I was in Atlanta, so that’s not really the South, I would say, the typical representative of the South. So I kind of had no idea what to expect here. Southern hospitality is super evident here.

Chapman: I was watching just movies, and that’s what I was expecting, was something like that. Like “Friday Night Lights.” That’s what I thought it would be like. That’s kind of what I pictured a football (university) to be like.

DG: Do you know anything about football?

Winkle: I never watched it, but I’m really excited about it. Everybody’s telling me (about it). And they’re giving away free T-shirts. I heard about the tailgating.

Chapman: I’m looking forward to that as well.

Hamilton: Just walking into the bookstore and seeing all the merchandise, it kind of says something about how popular

football is here. Just walking outside and actually seeing the stadium from wherever you are tells you something also about how big college football is, because I’ve never even seen a stadium that big, let alone only for football. Yeah, I’m super excited about the games. I know nothing about the rules, I know nothing about the players or the teams, but I really want to go anyway.

DG: Have you heard about Jadeveon Clowney?

Hamilton: Nope.

Winkle: Nope.

Chapman: About what? I thought you said, “Today being cloudy?”

DG: What do you like the most about USC and about Columbia so far?

Hamilton: I really like the Southerners. I like the people. It’s just



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Bronte Chapman, Alexander Hamilton and Sandra Winkle are among the 1,300 international students studying at USC this semester.

so unlike Scotland and Sweden. It’s just so much fun, wherever you go. You can spark up a conversation with whoever, and I’m not really used to that. For instance, we were at a house party the other night ...

Winkle: We showed up with about 20 people ...

Hamilton: Yeah, they were totally fine with all these people.

Chapman: I knew they would be fine because anybody who speaks to someone on the streets and invites them to a party must be pretty chill.

Hamilton: It was so cool that we could just do that. Because myself, I would be kind of skeptical just inviting 30 people I’d never met before into my home. But it was so fun. We had a blast. It was great.

Winkle: I would say the same, the

friendly people. Yesterday we went home and we met one guy and we were talking with him about over an hour, I think. And he was telling us about his culture and he wanted to know a lot of our culture, so that was kind of nice.

Hamilton: Yeah, it’s weird because people are genuinely interested in where you’re from and what you think about the place.

Chapman: It’s so funny when you’re ordering something from like the shops and they hear your accent and start to smirk, like they want to say something — sometimes they don’t, sometimes they do. But they look so excited.

I also like Walmart. I do like

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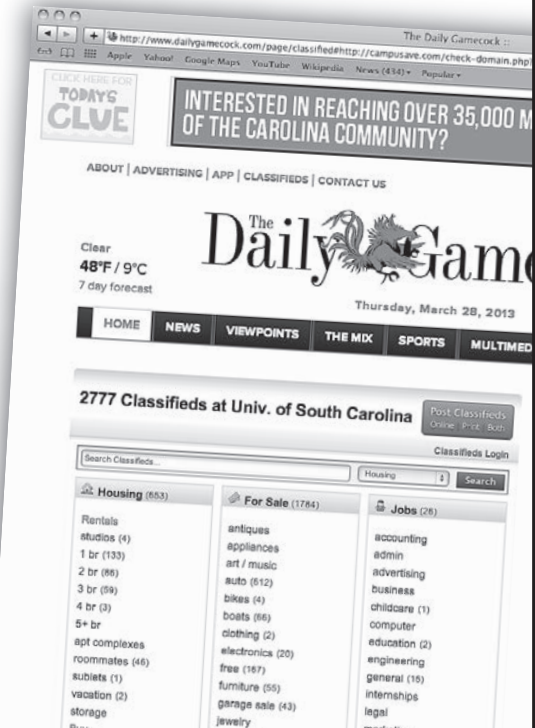
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Shag class offers taste of SC culture

Physical education courses help students learn while staying active

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Students who are new to the Palmetto State and looking to learn something new while having fun can take a class on South Carolina’s state dance, the shag. Offered as a physical education course for beginners, PEDU 177 gives students the chance to have fun while learning and being physically active.

“Shag dancing in Columbia, S.C., has been around for many years,” said Cory Alexander, an instructor for the course. “If students have not thought about the classes that the

PEDU department offers before, I encourage them to look at what the university offers. They are a great way to learn an exciting activity that you have always wanted to try with [other] students that share the same interests.”

In an online description of the class, comments from former students reveal an enjoyable experience.

“I’ve never been much of a dancer, but shag is really interesting to learn and every class get more exciting,” one student said in the comments.

Students have other options for earning credits and getting active by taking PEDU courses like zumba, yoga and rock climbing, to name a few.



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Students in PEDU 177, “Beginning Shag,” get physically active while learning the basics of South Carolina’s state dance.

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Walmart. It’s like an experience.

DG: *Is there anything you don’t like about USC or Columbia so far?*

Chapman: The humidity.

Hamilton: And at times the air conditioning is a bit excessive. It’s like walking into a freezer.

Chapman: So true.

Winkle: And without a car you can’t really get around.

Hamilton: That’s also really true.

Winkle: Everything is closer in Germany. You can walk anywhere.

Chapman: Also, do you know what’s really confusing? The roads — sometimes it’ll say you can cross and then people will beep you as you’re trying to cross.

Hamilton: That’s a thing I do not like. I do not like American traffic lights. They do not ever switch. You can be standing there for like 10 minutes just hammering that button and (the light) never changes. ... I don’t know what it’s like here,

but in Sweden, pedestrians always have the right of way, so you have to stop your car.

DG: *Is there anything that has surprised you about the campus, city or people here?*

Winkle: The rain.

Hamilton: Yeah, that was kind of surprising. It rained for like five days straight. ... But you’ve kind of had a bad summer haven’t you? Or so I’ve heard.

Chapman: The size of the campus. I don’t know whether we’re on campus or in the city.

Hamilton: It’s massive.

Chapman: I got lost and I thought I was on campus but I was, like, way out there. I was walking for 45 minutes

from Five Points to here.

Hamilton: And to be honest, I was kind of surprised by the fact that I’m sharing a room,

because that’s kind of not very usual back in the U.K. or in Sweden. So people were asking me back home, “So will you be sharing a room with someone like in the movies?” And I was like, “No, I don’t think so. They would put me in a private room for sure.” But then I got here and it was like, “Nope.” But I totally enjoy it. So it’s working out pretty well. I got all nervous, I was like “I want my personal space.” But it turned out very well. I’m enjoying it.



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T-Coop hops on the technology bandwagon

ISSUE
Library now has online study room reservations

OUR STANCE
It's a good starting point for further innovation

The mad scramble and general insanity of finals week will forever be a rite of passage in college, but at least USC took a step toward easing our troubles with the implementation of an online system for study room reservations, complete with mobile capabilities.

Rather than fighting tooth and nail simply for a quiet place to focus, we'll instead be fighting tooth and nail trying to get a grasp of the exam material. This is the way it ought to be, and we've got to commend the library administrators' efforts

to streamline the peripherals of academia. By making the logistics of studying with a group easier to handle, students should be able to actually study and increase their knowledge of the subject (or come to terms with their lack thereof).

This is a good example of what students really need the university to be working on to

“We’ve yet to see how well the system will work, especially when it comes to how they’ll deal with those that reserve a room but don’t show up, but it seems surprisingly easy to use.”

make navigating USC’s campus a little easier. We’d like to see similar projects — like the online course evaluation response database Student Body Vice President Ryan Bailey campaigned on — come to fruition sometime soon. Technology is a valuable tool, and it should be embraced and employed for the better of the campus in similar ways.

We’ve yet to see how well the system will work, especially when it comes to how they’ll deal with those that reserve a room but don’t show up, but it seems surprisingly easy to use. We’ll call it cautious optimism.

There’s still plenty left to do to, but it’s little things like this that help students focus on learning, which is, arguably, the entire point of college. (Just don’t tell that to anyone with lower deck tickets to Thursday’s game.)

Pornography addiction can threaten well-being

Overstimulation also linked to adverse mental health effects

Chances are that you think the people in your immediate proximity share nothing in common with you, but statistics might paint a different picture. Approximately 95 percent of males and 89 percent of females have admitted to an old habit shared by many: masturbation. It’s a normal and healthy habit that recent studies suggest promotes better health. However, a modern invention often paired with masturbation is proving to be potentially harmful to everyone: Internet pornography.

But is Internet pornography really that bad? Some could argue it provides an outlet for pent-up energy and can help relieve stress. If alcohol does not cause problems for the majority of its users, why can’t porn be a similarly pleasurable experience? It can. However, the problem resides in an overstimulation of the brain.

When an activity that produces dopamine is repeated several times, the brain releases the protein Delta-FosB. After the protein builds up, the need for the dopamine releasing activity gets stronger, resulting in compulsive behaviors. Delta-FosB effectively triggers the bingeing mechanism.

Dopamine is released when a person watches porn. The identical response occurs when a potential mate is encountered, encouraging successful copulation. Thus, regular porn viewing encourages the copulation with a screen and pixels. With each successful experience with porn, the brain becomes rewired. The physiological drive to be alone, participate in voyeurism and search for new sexual experiences becomes increasingly encouraged and reinforced. These are all opposite of the real-life experiences of emotional connection and interaction with another individual.

Changes within the brain eventually lead to changes within the physical world of an individual, leading to problems. Stanford University psychology professor Phillip Zimbardo suggests that pornography can cause arousal addiction, meaning people become addicted to new experiences and searching for something different. He also states that people are becoming disconnected from settings that are static and analogue, such as class, because of the desire for arousal. They are also generally disconnected from romantic relationships.

In addition to performing poorly in school and trouble developing meaningful connections with real people, symptoms similar to ADHD, OCD, depression and social anxiety have been tied to excessive porn usage because of the amount of intense overstimulation.

Probably the worst symptom of all for young males is erectile dysfunction. A survey conducted by an Italian neurologist showed that frequent porn viewing weakens the arousal signals sent from a numbed brain.

Despite the ever-increasing availability of porn because of the Internet, some are using the Internet to push back against the rising problem and to help one another, such as Reddit’s subgroup NoFap. If you or someone you know is or might be struggling with a porn addiction, reach out for help.

There are many resources available, including 12 free sessions at the university’s Counseling and Human Development Center. Dr. Sarah Wright is a counselor at the health center who specializes in sexual health and has given lectures on porn addiction.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tobacco Free USC wanted by many

Editor’s note: The writer misidentified the 13.8 percent statistic as the number of smokers on campus. According to Healthy Carolina’s Tobacco Free Initiative facts page, that number refers to students who reported smoking cigarettes in the last 30 days. It does not include hookah or smokeless tobacco, and therefore doesn’t represent the full population of students affected by the tobacco ban.

I would like to raise some important points that were not covered within Ross Abbott’s ridiculous attempt to undermine USC.

The decision to ban tobacco from campus was not simply an administration decision. There was a Change.org petition

created, which more than 500 students signed.

While you may think that 500 is a limited sample size, please consider that this is only the people the petition reached in a short amount of time, the fact that the exact number is not specified, as well as the fact that the number of smokers on campus is estimated to be 13.8 percent of the student body.

The ban is not simply a ban on breathing in or smelling that god-awful smoke. If you walk up the Bull Street hill past South Tower, please look in the rocks that line the sidewalk right under the ledge. The entire thing is filled with hundreds of thousands of cigarette butts.

No one, not incoming

freshman, faculty and staff, current or prospective students, want to see that disgusting site. If USC is serious in supporting green initiatives, then no, Mr. Abbott, they did not make the wrong call.

Please also note that nowhere in the ban did USC ask smokers to try and quit. That is of their own accord and free will to do so. They are not saying that you are never allowed to smoke cigarettes again, only that you do so off-campus.

I implore Mr. Abbott and anyone else who shares his opinion to check the facts on the Thomson Student Health Center website.

— Jessica Parker, second-year business student

Being gay is a choice, not a hereditary trait

I’d like to comment on Aaron McDuffie’s article, which ran in the Aug. 22 edition, entitled, “Supreme Court does not ‘invent’ new minorities.”

As I tell my Intensive Reading students, English is an ambiguous language, and vocabulary words must be defined within their context. True, in the general and public sense, he fulfills the definition of a minority as an African-American, homosexual and registered member of GOP. I imagine he’s a fiscal conservative and social liberal with membership in the Republican Log Cabin group. His citation of statistics support his point ... but Associate Justice Scalia’s meaning in context refers to the Court equating gays with minority status as a civil right.

With the anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.’s speech at the Washington Mall, we must not denigrate the Civil Right Movement by demanding that gay rights be a continuation of this movement. Homosexuality is a choice, while the pigment of one’s skin is not. There is no empirical, scientific evidence for homosexual predisposition.

My good friend from college days made this choice after being molested by a man while selling door-to-door LA Times subscriptions. In his

struggle for sexual identity, the college chaplain suggested that he explore the lifestyle. He then chose to become a gay man.

Gay marriage is contrary to thousands of years of cultural and historical precedent, physiology, religious morality/ethics and empirical data. Now I can hear the ad hominem cries of homophobe and intolerant bigot. Provide the evidence that I’m wrong.

Mr. McDuffie’s citing of the “separate but equal” case of Brown v. Board of Education, Miranda v. Arizona and Bush v. Gore having nothing to do with the Justice Scalia’s arguments.

Sadly, he concludes his article with ad hominem that do nothing to further his arguments. As a political science major, he would do well to provide more concrete arguments with evidence to support his contention.

—Mark A. Peter, USC-EPI Adjunct Faculty

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Study, have fun using top apps for students

Technology helps students work hard and play hard more efficiently while on the go

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There are thousands of smart phone apps, and it can be hard to shuffle through the mix of ratings, reviews and downloads to figure out which ones are the best. It's almost impossible for our generation to get by without technology, and we know life gets a little bit easier when we can find out anything with a click of a button. There's an app for just about anything, from finding food to finding friends, so we did the dirty work for you and compiled a list of apps you just have to have.

iStudiez Pro, \$2.99

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The Daily Gamecock, free

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a link to the university's shuttle bus app (which shows up-to-the-minute info on where the buses are on their routes), all the Crime Blotters ever published in the paper (so you can catch up on all the Bates House Crimes of the Week) and the ever-important Sudoku and crossword puzzle solutions. Not to toot our own horn, but it can help you be the most up-to-date, informed student you can be.

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Most professors use Blackboard and this app makes it easy to view teacher-to-student communications while on the go. It will send you push notifications when professors post announcements or course content and has recently been redesigned so users can arrange their courses by color and "favorite" an area of a course for quick access later on.

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Macklemore, N*SYNC highlights of VMAs

Seattle rapper provides short respite from Miley Cyrus' twerking, Gaga's seashell bra

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Sunday's 2013 MTV Video Music Awards left viewers everywhere scratching their heads over some of the bizarre, disturbing things that happened. Truthfully, I don't think many people even paid attention to what celebrities actually won awards. Everyone was much more focused on the line of dancing teddy bears and Taylor Swift's awkward dance moves. In case you missed it, here are all the highlights from a VMA night that will go down in history.

MILEY CAN'T STOP ... BUT SHE SHOULD

Miley Cyrus — where to begin? Miley stunned the audience with a confusing performance that fits right in with the age-old trainwreck analogy: It was awful, and I want to look away, but we just can't stop watching it over and over again. I can't even decide what the best/worst part was: her skintight bear onesie or the nude-colored undergarments she was wearing underneath it. Not to mention the fact that she couldn't keep her tongue in her mouth and was wearing her hair in odd little blond buns. There was also the group of large teddy bears dancing to her latest hit, but the most shocking part was probably her inappropriate performance with Robin Thicke, a respected performer who's married and old enough to be her father. Rapper 2 Chainz swooped in to save the day, and when that's something to be thankful for, you know there's a problem.

NOT SO GAGA FOR GAGA

Lady Gaga is notorious for her outrageous and over-the-top costumes and performances, but her performance at this year's VMAs was actually quite normal — other than the face paint and seashell bra. The most shocking thing about her opening performance was the loud boo-ing coming from the audience. I'm still not sure why there was such an uproar over a relatively tame performance.



Courtesy of MCT Campus

Macklemore and producer Ryan Lewis hoist their moonmen high after winning big on Sunday night's VMAs.

HI HI HI, N*SYNC

We all knew it was going to happen. Every 20-something girl who grew up singing N*SYNC into their karaoke machine was sitting at the edge of their seats waiting for the four other band members to reveal themselves through the fog. Although the reunion did happen, the group only performed together for about a minute and a half, and for part of that, they sang one of Justin Timberlake's songs. The band looked a little uncomfortable as well, not to mention significantly older and a lot rustier with the dance moves than Timberlake.

HATS OFF TO MACKLEMORE

Seattle rapper/superstar Macklemore provided one of the best performances of the night by far alongside his musical partner, Ryan Lewis, and Mary Lambert, who provided guest vocalists for hit single "Same Love." The inspirational song supporting marriage equality, and civil rights in general, won Best Video with a Social Message, and the trio performed it flawlessly. It probably helps that Macklemore writes actual lyrics, while Miley Cyrus treats listeners everywhere to lines like, "We run things / things don't run we."

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Which star played Batman best?

Keaton tops list of best Caped Crusaders with inventive wit

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When Warner Bros. announced last Thursday that Ben Affleck would be playing the role of Batman in the upcoming “Man of Steel” sequel, fans the world over took to the Internet like bats out of hell to express their outrage.

A petition to remove Affleck from the film is already nearing 70,000 signatures and memes showing Matt Damon as Robin are flooding the Internet. Gee willikers guys, the movie doesn’t come out for two years.

In light of the recent casting, we ranked the previous actors in the role of the Caped Crusader. Where Affleck will fall on this list is yet to be determined, but if his previous experience as a superhero is any indication of what’s to come (he played the title role in the 2003 flop “Daredevil”), then the future of Gotham looks very dark indeed.

1. Michael Keaton, “Batman” (1989), “Batman Returns” (1992)

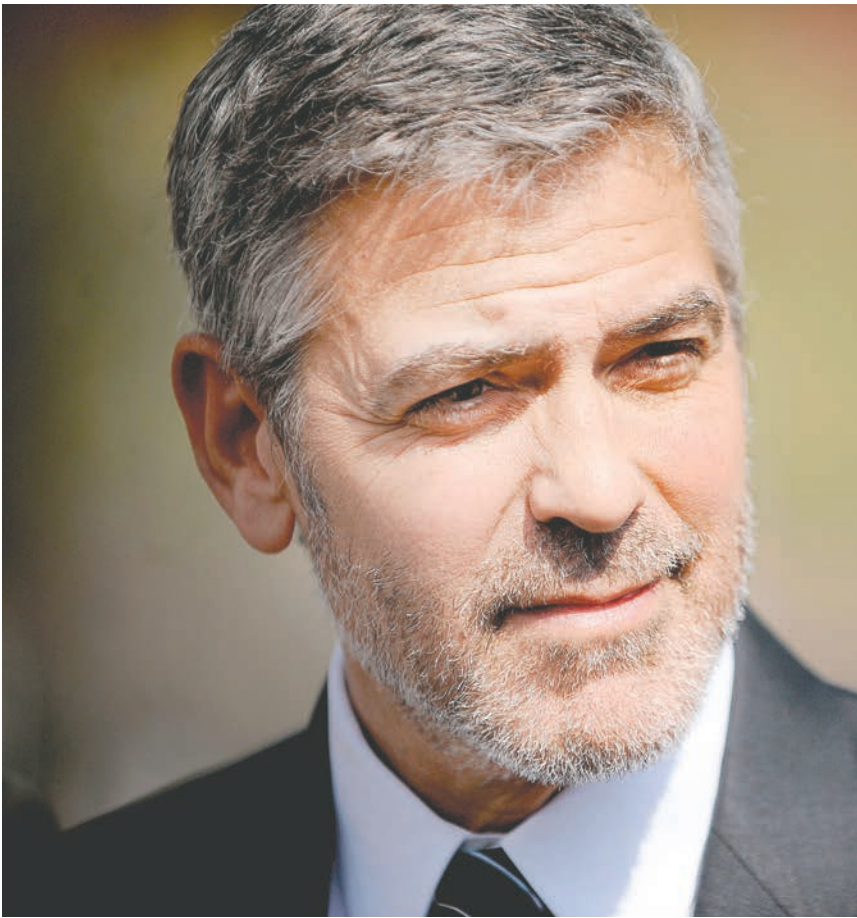
If there’s any reason not to lose it over Affleck donning the mask, it’s Michael Keaton’s casting by Tim Burton in his 1989 portrayal and 1992 sequel. Despite the 50,000 protest letters submitted to the Warner Bros. offices, Keaton performed admirably. An actor known primarily for comedic leads in movies like “Beetlejuice” managed to pull off the first dark and serious Batman through his inventive wit and rich man swagger.

2. Val Kilmer, “Batman Forever” (1995)

Replacing Keaton for the third installment, Val Kilmer’s role as the Dark Knight remains the high point of his career. The film received mixed critical review, but the blame lies with poor direction more than Kilmer’s performance. Burton handed the reigns over to Joel Schumacher, who took the film in a far more goofy and comical direction, indicated by the casting of Jim Carrey as The Riddler. It goes to show that tone and vision are what make a Batman film great — the strong-jawed man behind the mask can only do so much.

3. George Clooney, “Batman & Robin” (1997)

In another potentially solid Batman flick squandered by Schumacher’s jokey direction, George Clooney, who still refers to himself as the man who killed the series, unfortunately inherited the lead role in this train wreck. Don’t be so hard on yourself, George. You were a good option for an aged Batman showing a younger Robin the ropes. It was the terrible dialogue that did this

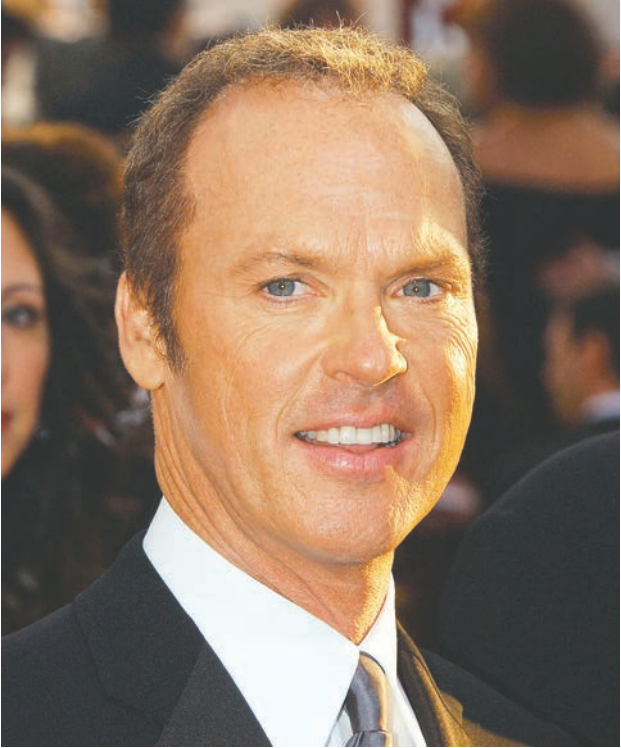


film in.
4. Christian Bale, “Batman Begins” (2005), “The Dark Knight” (2008), “The Dark Knight Rises” (2012)

Many will be surprised — and possibly angered — that Christian Bale would come in so low on the list, but there is a reason he was upstaged by every villain to share the screen with him. Comparing Bale’s Batman voice to a 70-year-old smoker gives him too much credit — he sounds like someone mocking a 70-year-old smoker. Christopher Nolan’s adaptation of the series was the best to date, but Bale’s performance was borderline laughable.

5. Adam West, “Batman” (1966-1968)

There’s no better measurement of how far the superhero genre has come than to compare a modern caper flick to Adam West’s role as Batman in the short-lived TV series. The show will always hold a place in the hearts of many-a 60’s kid, but watching West’s un-toned body chase down baddies alongside Robin is matched in sheer hilarity only by the duo’s preachy interactions (Robin: “You can’t get away from Batman that easy!” Batman: “Easily. Good grammar is essential, Robin.”).



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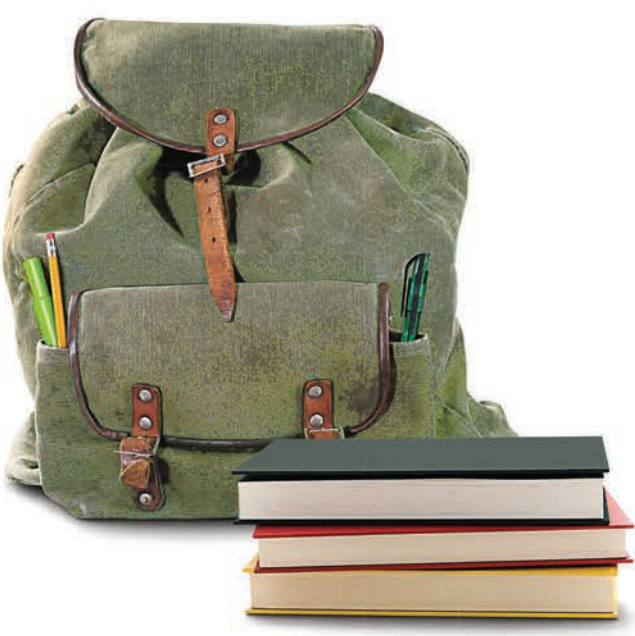
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Volleyball plays annual scrimmage

Young Gamecocks have only 2 seniors on roster this season

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In preparation for Saturday’s annual Garnet & Black scrimmage, and the season as a whole, coach Scott Swanson developed a strategy for his young Gamecock volleyball team.

“A big thing for us has been managing our risk,” Swanson said. “If it’s a good set, go up and hit it hard. If it’s not a good situation, go up and keep it in play.”

The scrimmage ended in a closely contested 2-2 draw that saw the fourth-set score tied at 26-a-piece before the Black team notted up the game tally. After seeing his team in its first live action of the year, Swanson was satisfied with the result.

“Qverall, I thought it was fairly competitive,” Swanson said. “I thought it got sloppy at times, but we have an awful lot of good athletes out there that can do some nice things, and once they get the experience, we’re going to be pretty good.”

With just two seniors on the roster for 2013 and inexperience at many positions, Swanson has made sure to ingrain this live-to-fight-another-day mentality into his team throughout the preseason.

After the exhibition contest, senior Lindsey Craft echoed her coach’s ideas for big-picture success.

“What we’ve been working on, we call it ‘risk management,’” Craft said, “where we’re not making as many errors as the other team.”

Craft, along with senior Juliette Thevenin and redshirt sophomore Kellie McNeil, was selected by her teammates to be one of the captains of this year’s squad and is not shying away from the pressure that comes with her new title.

“We’ve been trying to step it up and just lead the team because we have such a young group of girls,” Craft said. “We have 10 freshmen and one transfer, so it’s a completely new team so we’re trying to kind of lead by example.”

Craft’s co-captain, Thevenin, will look to close out her Gamecock career this year by expanding on a 2012 season that saw her earn an All-SEC Second Team nod.

“Juliette has been our MVP the last three years,” Swanson said. “She can pass, hit, set, dig and block.”

The 6-foot-2-inch Belgian native led South Carolina in points and kills last season and finished 27th in the country in kills-per-set. Thevenin will enter her senior season with higher expectations than ever, landing on the preseason All-SEC Team this summer.

An overall mark of 18-14 in 2012 masked a disappointing conference tally of 6-14. While Swanson knows the importance of winning SEC contests, he is choosing to focus on improvement, hoping wins come in the process.

“We’re not going to talk a lot about winning and losing right now,” Swanson said. “We have a young team and we don’t want to put the priority or the pressure in their head that they’ve got to win every



Courtesy of USC Athletic Media Relations

Senior Lindsey Craft, one of three team captains, said she has been trying to lead by example this season.

game.”

The Southeastern Conference will be a tough one to navigate this year, placing two teams in the preseason top-20.

With South Carolina volleyball made up of many fresh faces this season, Swanson is confident that his

team has the talent to improve upon a record that was already four games above .500 in 2012.

“With our starting lineup, I feel like we have a chance to be more competitive than last year,” Swanson said. “How much more is yet to be seen.”

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Elliot Fry ready for opportunity against UNC

Shaw confident team can keep up with Tar Heel offense

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South Carolina’s matchup with North Carolina is two days away and the team is starting to come together, head coach Steve Spurrier said.

It was walk-on true freshman kicker Elliot Fry’s first time speaking to the media. Spurrier said Fry was leading the placekicking competition during Sunday’s press conference, and he has continued to work with the first team in practice.

Fry said practice has helped prepare him for the game and that the coaching staff does a good job in creating pressure situations in practice. He added that it is his job to handle it.

Fry beat out sophomore Landon Ard and redshirt freshman Nick St. Germaint in camp to gain control of the position after flying under the radar this summer.

Fry was offered a scholarship at Louisiana Tech, but turned it down to try and make the South Carolina team.

“I mean, it’s SEC football,” he said. “I’d rather take this chance and try to get on scholarship here.”

Spurrier and special teams coordinator Joe Robinson have been trying to simulate crowd noise for Fry to get ready for the Tar Heels.

“Obviously you can’t get 80,000 fans out here,” Fry



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Connor Shaw said he is excited to finally start the regular season.

said. “There’s enough pressure starting and having Joe yell at you on the field, so I feel ready.”

Sophomore Mike Davis spoke with reporters as well and said he would not have nerves before Thursday’s game. He hinted that the crowd might see him and fellow running back sophomore Brandon Wilds line up in the backfield together against the Tar Heels.

Davis said he thinks he won the starting job by proving himself to be a complete back in the preseason scrimmages.

“I think that’s where I was getting their trust,” Davis said. “The thing I learned most in the offseason was pass blocking. As far as running, I knew that was gonna come easy.”

Senior quarterback Connor Shaw said he is anxious to get the game started.

“We’re all excited,” he said. “It’s about time we face someone else. We had a pretty good camp. We’ve got two more days to prepare for them. We’ll be ready.”

Shaw said he has total confidence in the defense’s ability to match UNC’s offensive speed.

“Remember now, our defense has played up-tempo teams,” Shaw said. “Clemson was up-tempo and you saw what happened there. Our defensive guys are prepared for it and I think our guys can match theirs.”

He noted the injuries to junior wide receiver Bruce Ellington and junior tight end Rory Anderson and said it might hurt the Gamecocks a little if they cannot play. Both players are dealing with hamstring issues. However, Shaw added that their replacements will be ready to step in and contribute.

Ellington practiced in full pads two days ago, but said he tweaked the hamstring again and sat out yesterday. He said it is boring sitting on the sideline, but he has used the time to observe the game fully and help out the other receivers.

There’s a chance the coaching staff may hold him out with a matchup against

Georgia next week, but Ellington said his focus is solely on North Carolina.

The junior said he wants to be out at practice, but he has to play it by ear. With his status in doubt, he thinks the other receivers will be able to step up.

“It’s day by day and hopefully I’ll be out there soon,” Ellington said. “I think they’re going to do real well. The guys have been preparing for this and are ready for it.”

One of the receivers Ellington was excited about is true freshman Pharoh Cooper. Cooper recently switched his position from defensive back to receiver and said the transition has been going well. Ellington said Cooper’s been going up and making some impressive plays.

Cooper’s success in the past weeks has taken him to No. 2 on the depth chart behind junior starter Nick Jones in the slot position. The freshman will also be on the kickoff unit and is supposed to be one of the last defenders containing the ball. Cooper is excited, but does not seem complacent with his early chances of getting on the field.

“I stay humble,” he said. “You know that No. 2 spot can go tomorrow, so I just need to keep working hard and do my job.”

Overall, the team is just ready to get out and play some football.

“The players are giddy, the fans are giddy, the community is, too,” Shaw said. “It’s going to be great.”

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Au named Offensive Player of the week

Senior forward Danielle Au was named the SEC’s offensive player of the week on Monday for her efforts in the 1-0 upset win over No. 7 Duke on Sunday night and the 2-0 victory over UNC-Wilmington on Friday.

Au scored the game-winning goal against the Blue Devils to lead the Gamecocks to their first win over a top-ten program since 2010.

That performance followed Friday’s, where the Georgia native also scored the game-winning goal in the ninth minute against UNCW. The Gamecock’s eventually won that game, 2-0.

With those two goals, Au moves into sixth place on South Carolina’s all-time scoring list with 18 goals scored.

Au and her teammates will continue their season when they travel to take on Boston University Friday night.

— Compiled by Kyle Heck, Sports Editor